

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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SFWMD to Provide Stormwater Grant to West Park

Project will improve water quality and flood protection

WHAT: The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will present a

\$250,000 check to the City of West Park for stormwater drainage improvements that will enhance flood protection within the city. The project will also improve the region's water quality by minimizing

pollutants that flow into northern Biscayne Bay.

The drainage improvements will collect, store and treat stormwater runoff prior to discharge. This will reduce the potential for pollutants and phosphorus-laden runoff to reach the regional canal system and

eventually the coastal areas.

Drainage enhancements will occur along the southeast corner of Hallandale Blvd. and U.S. Highway 441. To ease local flooding that occurs during periods of heavy rainfall, the city will assemble culvert connections to link the existing Twin Lakes Water Control District with the new

drainage system.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 7, 2009

TIME: 7 PM

WHERE: Carver Ranches Library

4735 SW 18th St. West Park, FL 33023

WHO: District representatives will present a check to the city commission

DIRECTIONS:

From I-95 S: Take Exit 4A toward I-195 E/Miami Beach. Take the SR824/Pembroke Rd. exit and turn left on Pembroke Rd. Turn slight left onto SW 46th Ave., then turn right onto SW 18th St.

From I-95 N: Take Exit 10 (Pembroke Rd.) and turn right onto Pembroke Rd. Turn slight left onto SW 46th Ave., then turn right onto SW 18th St.

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About the South Florida Water Management District — Celebrating 60 Years (1949-2009)

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.